PROCEEDINGS

of

THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

FIRST ASSEMBLY.

SIXTH SESSION.

Saturday, the 3rd August 1935/19th Karkatakam 1110.

The Assembly met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the clock, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Education of the depressed classes.

228. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any special encouragement has been given in the matter of education of the depressed classes by the Department of the Protector; and

(*b*) if so, what is the nature of such encouragement?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government have sanctioned a grant of Rs. 300 to the Free Harijan Hostel, Trivandrum, during 1110, and also half-fee concession to a Paraya student (P. Padmanabhan) of the College of Arts.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): മലയാളംസ്കൂളിൽ പഠിക്കുന്ന അധഃകൃതവിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കു ഈ വകുപ്പിൽനിന്നും എന്തെങ്കിലും സഹായസഹകരണം ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): ഇതുവരെ ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ല.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): കാളേജ് ക്ലാസ്സുകളിൽ പഠിക്കുന്ന അധഃകൃതവിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കു ഫീസ് സൌജന്യം ചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): ഒരാളിനു അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട് എന്നു മറുപടിയിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): കാളേജ് ക്ലാസിൽ പഠിക്കുന്ന മഹമ്മദീയർക്കും ഈഴവർക്കും ഫീസ് സൌജന്യം ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടോ?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): സൌജന്യം ചെയ്തു കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് പ്രത്യേകം റൂൾസ് ഉണ്ട്. അതനുസരിച്ച് ചെയ്തുവരുന്നുണ്ട്.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): അധ്യക്ഷതക്കു ഫീസ് സൌജന്യം ചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കുന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ദയാദൃഷ്ടി കൂടുതലായി പതിയുമോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാം.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): May I know from the Government with regard to the answer to part (*b*), how many boarders there are in the Harijan Hostel?

MR T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) I claim notice.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) May I know the monthly or annual expenditure incurred by the Hostel authorities?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know from the Government upon whose application that grant has been sanctioned by the Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): On the recommendation of the Protector of Depressed Classes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether the Government have any idea as to who manages the Hostel?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know from the Government whether they have instructed the Protector of Depressed Classes to keep himself informed about the management of the Hostel?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether in that case the Protector of Depressed Classes submits reports to Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Pulayas, Parayas, etc., in service.

229. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number respectively, of the Pulayas, Parayas and such other communities that have been entertained in the public service and the number amongst them that draw more than Rs. 20 as their pay?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No period being specified, the interpellation cannot be answered.

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Fee concession.

230. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any representations have been submitted to Government for fee concession by the Chakkayar *Samajan* which, like the Pulayas and the Parayas, is very backward in education ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken on them ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*) : ചാക്കയാർ സമുദായത്തിൽപെട്ടവർക്ക് ഫീസ് സൌജന്യം ചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കണമെന്ന് ഗവണ്മെൻറിലേക്ക് വല്ല അപേക്ഷയും ബോധിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. C V CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : I am not aware.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): പുലയർ പറയർ എന്നിവരെപ്പോലെ ചാക്കയാർ സമുദായത്തിൽ പെട്ടവരും വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവിഷയത്തിൽ പിന്നോക്കം നിൽക്കുന്നവരാണെന്ന് അറിയാമോ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I have no information.

Bridge across the Minachil River.

231. *MR. T. S. JAYANTAN NAMBOOTIRI (*Travancore Jenmies, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that a bridge across the Minachil River at Palai is a long-felt want of the people ;

(*b*) if so, why they have not taken up the work of constructing a bridge, in spite of repeated representations ; and

(*c*) whether any amount is sanctioned for the work and included in the coming year's (1111) Budget ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) For want of funds.

(*c*) No.

Roads near the Railway Station at Edappalli.

232. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that the roads in three important places near the Railway Station at Edappalli have been blocked by the South Indian Railway Company ;

(*b*) whether they have received any report from the Executive Engineer at Alwaye and the Division Peishkar at Kottayam to the effect ;

(*c*) if so, what action has been taken ;

(*d*) whether they have received any complaint about such blockades from other places ; and

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(*e*) whether they have made any correspondence with the South Indian Railway authorities pointing out the necessity of erecting gates and level crossings in the places mentioned above ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to (*b*).

(*d*) and (*e*) No.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : With reference to answer to part (*b*), may I know how the Chief Engineer came to know that these roads have been blocked by the Railway Company ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : He got a report from the Division Officer, perhaps.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Sir, to the question whether the Chief Engineer has received any report from the Executive Engineer at Alwaye or the Division Officer whether the roads were blocked, the answer is given as in the negative. I want to know whether, without receiving any report from the subordinate officer in the Public Works Department, the Chief Engineer has taken any action in this important matter.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : A report has been received from the Division Officer by the Chief Engineer.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : What is the special reason for giving an answer in the negative ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government did not receive any report.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know from the Government whether the Chief Engineer has visited Edappalli in any one of his tours to Alwaye ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I am not aware.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know from the Government the reason for not intimating the Cochin Government or the South Indian Railway Company to erect gates or level crossings at the places mentioned ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : These roads are not in the charge of the P. W. D. and so no reference has been made by the P. W. D. to the Railway authorities.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know whether there is any objection to take it in the hands of the P. W. D. ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : If there is an application from the people of the locality, the question will be considered.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Without an application from the people, am I to understand that no steps will be taken by the Government in the matter ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No ; unless it is reported by the P. W. D.

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MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Are the Government aware that trespassers who cross the roads will be prosecuted according to the Company's rules ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes, trespassers will be prosecuted.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) ; Are the innocent people to suffer because they reside within the Travancore territory ?

PRESIDENT : That is a matter of opinion. There must be a limit to supplementary questions ?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Do the Government stand in need of a representation from the people of the locality over and above the representation made by the honourable member in this House ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : That is not what I said. The matter is under the consideration of the Department.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : On the strength of the representation ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : May I know whether there is a village road crossing the Railway line ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : There are several such village roads.

Swampy areas inside forest reserves.

233. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether there are swampy areas inside the forest reserves in the State ;

(*b*) how many acres of swampy areas there are and

(*c*) whether the swampy areas are fit for paddy cultivation ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) About 4,500 acres.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether they are aware that the swampy areas referred to in part (*b*) of the answer were under cultivation before they were included in the Reserve Forest ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government are not aware.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether the Government are aware that Travancore is not self-supporting so far as paddy is concerned ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) . May I know from the Government the quantity of paddy that is being imported annually into the State ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether Travancore could be made self-supporting in paddy by throwing open these swampy areas for paddy cultivation?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I believe not.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member the quantity of paddy that could be got out of 4,590 acres of swampy area if it is cultivated?

PRESIDENT: The honourable member himself can answer that. There should be some sort of rational understanding before putting questions.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Swampy Areas Committee has recommended the swampy areas being disafforested?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): They have recommended the disafforestation.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government when this Committee submitted their report to the Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I believe it was in 1923.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government have taken any action on the Swampy Areas Committee Report with regard to the recommendation for disafforestation?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, the areas have been mostly disafforested.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government how many acres of the swampy areas have been disafforested after the submission of the Report of the Committee?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The information I have got is that almost all the areas have been disafforested.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Are the Government aware that there are thousands of acres now available to be disafforested in Nedumangad, Kottarakara and Pattanapuram taluks?

PRESIDENT: We shall have another Committee to go into that. He says that all the swampy areas have been disafforested.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether people are ready to cultivate these 4,590 acres of swampy areas?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I am not aware whether people are ready.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the Government whether any applications have been received by them to get these areas or any portion of them registered?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

License to collect green manure.

234. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the system of issuing license to collect green manure for the use of the paddy lands was in vogue at any time;

(*b*) when that system was discontinued;

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(*c*) why it was discontinued ; and

(*d*) whether people have petitioned to Government that that system must be revoked ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Collection of manure leaves from Reserved Forests is not allowed except from specified acres such as scrub-jungle reserves.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of answer to part (*a*), these questions do not arise.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether the practice of collecting green manure under license from specified acres from the scrub-jungle reserves was in vogue in Nedumangad taluk ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : It is in vogue even now.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether any cultivator has been permitted to collect green manure in Nedumangad taluk during the course of this year ?

PRESIDENT : He says it is in vogue even now.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Sir, that is why I ask this question whether anybody in the Nedumangad taluk has been permitted to collect green manure during this year.

PRESIDENT : People are still allowed to do it ; that is the answer.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : But as a matter of fact people are not allowed, Sir.

May I know whether the Government are aware that that system has not been permitted in the Nedumangad taluk during the last few years ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government are not aware.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether permission has been granted to any person in the Nedumangad taluk during the course of last year or this year for the collection of green manure ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Government are aware that the cultivators in Nedumangad taluk are undergoing a lot of difficulties due to not getting permission to collect green manure ?

PRESIDENT : That is exactly contrary to the answer given. The answer given is that they are even now permitted.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government the nature of the permission that is being granted to the cultivators now ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : They are allowed to collect green manure from the scrub-jungle reserves.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is it done under license?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether any person has been granted the license to collect the green manure?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

PRESIDENT: The member has already answered that.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government will look into the matter and see that the grievances of the cultivators are redressed?

PRESIDENT: About what? According to the Government member, nobody has any grievance because the system is still in existence.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I submit, Sir, that the grievance still exists.

PRESIDENT: According to the Government member, there exists no grievance. If you can draw the attention of Government pointedly to the fact that people have applied for license and have not been given license, it would be alright.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether one Meerasayu of Perumkamala, an agriculturist, has applied for license to collect green manure?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I do not find that name, but I find that the honourable member himself applied for it, or for special concession and it was refused.

PRESIDENT: So bad!

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I challenge the member, Sir. I have not applied for license for collection of green manure.

PRESIDENT: What is it? Why did you drag in the honourable member's name? What is the reason?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The honourable member applied for a special concession.

PRESIDENT: For what?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): He wanted permission to collect green manure from the reserves and that was refused.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. Mr. S. J. Nair wanted to know whether a certain individual had applied for a particular concession. The official member, instead of answering that question, brought in the name of Mr. S. J. Nair and said that the concession applied for by him was refused. Is it proper on the part of the official member to drag in the honourable member's name?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The honourable member wanted to know—

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): I also rise to a point of order.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Sir, I want a ruling on my point.

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PRESIDENT : But Mr. S. J. Nair does not seem to be particular about it. He jumps up for asking another question.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : The honour of the House has to be kept up, Sir. Was the official member right in dragging in Mr. S. J. Nair's name ?

PRESIDENT : So far as I can see from the question on the agenda, the question related to the system of issuing license to collect green manure for the use of paddy lands which was in vogue. All questions relating to the grant of license for the collection of green manure leaves are relevant. But whether a particular individual applied for the collection of green manure leaves and was refused would all depend upon the information that is supplied to Government. The member definitely asked a question whether such and such an individual had applied for it and was refused. The duty of the member, who was going to answer it, was either to admit it or deny it ; or if he was not ready with the answer, he could have claimed notice. Instead of that, he had in a way dragged in the name of the honourable member which I think was entirely out of order. (Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai : *Hear, hear*). I do not expect members of Government to drag in names of honourable members on the floor of the House without any relevancy to it.

MR. T. C. THOMMAN (*Secretary to Government*) : May I be permitted to explain, Sir ?

PRESIDENT : No.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : Is it open to the member to challenge the ruling of the Chair ?

PRESIDENT : No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether Mr. S. J. Nair had applied for his personal use or on behalf of the people of Nedumangad ?

PRESIDENT : Are you pursuing the question ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Because the member stated that the member for Nedumangad had applied for a license to collect green manure, I challenge it. The member had applied not for his personal use but on behalf of the people of Nedumangad on the request of the cultivators. I am aware that the Forest Department refuses permission to people to collect green manure. My point is to bring that fact to the notice of Government and see whether anything useful could be done for the cultivators of Nedumangad taluk. But when the official member answered the question, it seemed as if I applied for my personal use and was refused. It is my duty to bring to the notice of Government the sufferings of the people by means of representations, questions, etc.

PRESIDENT : The member was quite in order in having brought to the notice of Government the difficulties of his people.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether one Mr. Meerasayu applied for license to collect green manure ?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the member for Nedumangad had brought to the notice of Government that the people of Nedumangad were not permitted to collect green manure?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know what action Government have taken on that petition ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The petition was rejected.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know why ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government considered it not possible to grant the request.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know how, when it was not possible to grant the request, the Government member stated that that system still continues ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The petition was to collect green manure from the forest reserve and it was refused.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know, when the fact was brought to the notice of Government that the system that was prevailing was discontinued and the people must be permitted to collect green manure from scrub-jungle reserves, why no concession was given and why the petition was rejected ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government found that the practice of allowing people to collect green manure from the scrub-jungle was in vogue and so there was no necessity to give further concession.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Am I to understand that Government have no objection in granting license to the people of Nedumangad to collect manure leaves out of scrub-jungle reserve ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : That is allowed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Forest Department will continue to permit the collection of manure leaves ?

PRESIDENT : The Government member stated that the practice still continues.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Can the member tell us the extent of scrub-jungle reserve in the Nedumangad taluk ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

Promotion of Teachers as Head Masters.

235. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : With reference to the promotion of teachers to Head Masters' places in V. M. Schools, will the Government be pleased to state whether any percentage of Head Masters' places is allotted to undergraduate trained teachers in the Vernacular Branch who have put in some years' service ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : The answer is in the negative.

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MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know the basis on which V. M. School teachers are promoted as Head Masters?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Seniority and qualifications.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will all teachers be promoted?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): If they are Malayalam graduates, they will be given preference.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): As between a V. S. L. C. trained teacher of 20 years' standing and an untrained teacher of 25 years' standing, who will be preferred for promotion as Head Master?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I submit that it is a hypothetical question.

Night-soil Depot at Alleppey.

236. *MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any order for the removal of the night-soil depot of the Alleppey Municipality from its present site;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date of the order issued:

(*c*) whether anything in connection with the removal of the depot has been done;

(*d*) if so, the extent of the work done till now; and

(*e*) who is in charge of the work, the Government or the Municipality?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 17-7-1931.

(*c*) and (*d*) A new site has been acquired and handed over to the Municipality. An approach road from the Alleppey-Aroor road to this site is under construction.

(*e*) The Municipality was in charge of the work, in the beginning; but it has been asked recently to entrust the work to the P. W. Department in accordance with the rules governing the execution of public works by Municipalities.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): In answer to parts (*c*) and (*d*), may I know the length of the approach road?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) Half a mile.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know how much of that road has been constructed?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A portion of it has been constructed.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): Is the member in a position to say how much?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : May I know what amount was spent towards that ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : In answer to part (*e*) may I know, when there are rules governing the execution of public works by Municipalities, why Government entrusted the work to the P. W. D ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Municipality said that they could do the work. It was found that the work they did was not satisfactory and so Government asked the P. W. D. to take it over.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Is it because Government found that the Municipality was not able to proceed with the work ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The work done by the Municipality was unsatisfactory and therefore Government asked the P. W. D. to take it over.

All-Travancore Private School Teachers' Conference.

237. ✱ **KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Changanachery I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state what steps, if any, they have taken in accordance with their proceedings on the resolutions passed by the All-Travancore Private School Teachers' Conference held at Mavelikara with regard to :

(*a*) security of tenure ;
(*b*) Provident Fund ; and
(*c*) leave

of the private school teachers ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : The subjects referred to were discussed at a meeting of the Education Advisory Board and a Sub Committee of the Board has been formed to enquire into and report upon them ?

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*) : May I know the members of the Sub-Committee of the Board ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instructiton*) : The members of the Sub-Committee are Messrs. P. K. Narayana Pillai, Changanachery Parameswaran Pillai, Thanu Pillai, Govindan, Fr. Mattom and myself.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know when the Sub-Committee was formed ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instuction*) : At the last meeting of the Advisory Board, that is, 12th July.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Was any period stated for the submission of the report ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) Yes, within three months.

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Cases pending in the Neyyattinkara and Kuzhittura Munsiffs' Courts.

238. *MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state, with reference to arrears in the Neyyattinkara and Kuzhittura Munsiffs' Courts:—

(*a*) the number of original suits as well as small cause suits pending in the Additional and Principal Courts in Neyyattinkara when the Additional Court was transferred to Kuzhittura, and the number of cases pending in the Kuzhittura Munsiff's Court at that time; and

(*b*) the number of cases, original suits as well as small causes, now (25-9-1110) pending in—

(i) the Neyyattinkara Principal Munsiff's Court,

(ii) the Kuzhittura Principal Munsiff's Court, and

(iii) the Kuzhittura Additional Munsiff's Court?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) * Statements I and II containing the required information are laid on the table.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know what is the cause for the larger increase of cases in the District Munsiff's Court at Kuzhitturai?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Because more suits were filed during that period.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Are the Government in a position to tell me why such a huge number of cases is pending decision in spite of the transfer of a court from Neyyattinkara?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have not enquired into the matter.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Are the Government aware that the original suits numbering 676 and pending decision in the Additional Munsiff's Court, Kuzhitturai, are the oldest pending suits?

RAO SAHIB. DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): This is what I find from the departmental report of the Judiciary for 1109, which says —

> "Suits of more than two years' standing rose from 5,969 to 6,042 in 1109, that is, by 73. Kuzhittura left the heaviest arrears of suits of more than two years' standing *viz.*, 438".

In view of that, do Government consider it necessary to continue the additional court till the arrears are cleared off?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have decided to continue the court for the next year and whether it should be continued after that has not been settled.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I take it that the consideration of the question will be based upon the then state of pendency in that court?

PRESIDENT: Naturally that will depend upon the circumstances prevailing at the time.

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* *Vide* Appendix I.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether the Kuzhittura Additional Munsiff's Court is a permanent court or a temporary court?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): *This* is a temporary one at Kuzhittura.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the court is known by the name of Additional Munsiff's Court, Kuzhittura?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Additional Munsiff's Court at Neyyattinkara was transferred to Kuzhittura, temporarily.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether that court is a permanent or a temporary court? I do not want to know about the arrangements.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is the Additional Munsiff's Court at Neyyattinkara that has been transferred temporarily to Kuzhittura

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why a permanent court was transferred for a temporary purpose?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): At that time Government thought that there was not enough work for both the courts at Neyyattinkara and so one of them was transferred to Kuzhittura.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is a Temporary Munsiff's Court at Nedumangad?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there was any suggestion that the temporary court at Nedumangad should be transferred to Kuzhittura and the additional court—

PRESIDENT: I am afraid these questions do not arise on the question now before us. All courts in the Travancore State cannot now be dragged into this question.

Koran in Schools.

239. *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether a separate shelf or box is kept, in each school where there is Arabic instruction, for keeping the copies of the Holy Koran brought by students?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know whether instruction in Arabic is given in order to teach Koran, or whether Koran is being taught as a means of giving instruction in Arabic, or whether both are the same?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It is really the teaching of Arabic through the Koran.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Is the teaching of the Koran necessary for Arabic instruction?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir, I presume it is.

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MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : Is not the Koran taught in all primary schools ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes, in all schools in which there is a sufficient number of Muslim children.

Marma Vaidyasala at Kattathura.

240. ✻ **MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the year when grant-in-aid was given to the Marma Vaidyasala at Kattathura ;

(*b*) whether it is not the first of the Marma Vaidyasals in the State ;

(*c*) whether there is any other grant-in-aid Marma Vaidyasala in the State, and, if so, how many ;

(*d*) whether the Kattathura Marma Vaidyasala was at any time recommended to be raised into a grant-in-aid hospital ;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, the nature of the action taken by them on the same ;

(*f*) whether the ex-Director, Mr. Sankara Menon, has recommended the enhancement of grant to this Vaidyasala ; and

(*g*) whether the Department has given enhancement of grant to any other Vaidyasala which is junior to this Vaidyasala ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) 1102 M. E.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes ; one.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The recommendation could not be sanctioned for want of funds.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Yes. Length of service is not the only criterion for giving enhancement of grant to Vaidyans.

Selection of " St. Antony of Padua " as a text-book.

241. ✻ **MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that " St. Antony of Padua ", a text-book prescribed for use in School Final Class, contains statements abusing the Holy Prophet Muhamad and Islam ;

(*b*) who is responsible for selection of this as a text-book ;

(*c*) whether they are aware that agitation is going on among the Muslim community regarding this book (St. Antony of Padua) ; and

(*d*) whether they have taken any action to remedy the wounded feelings of the Muslim community in this respect ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) :

(*a*) No ; there are, however, some passages in the book which may be considered objectionable by Muslims.

(*b*) The School Leaving Certificates Board.

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[Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan.]

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) A notification has been published by the Director of Public Instruction in the Gazette to the effect that the pages in the book objected to should be omitted.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : May I know whether the book has been approved by the Text-Book Committee ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : May I know from the Director whether, apart from the notification referred to in part (*d*) of the answer, the Director has instructed all the Head Masters and teachers to omit those objectionable passages ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether any scholar, outside the Text Book Committee, has studied the book and expressed opinion on it ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know the name of such scholar ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Rao Sahib Ollor S. Paramesvara Aiyar, a well-known Malayalam scholar.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Has he depreciated the book or appreciated it ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : He has given a glowing testimonial to the author.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know how he has done it ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Insiruction*) : This is the testimonial, Sir.

> "My dear Mr. John, I have read with great interest your Life of Saint Antony of Padua written in beautiful Malayalam. It is a valuable addition to the biographical literature of Kerala. There are interesting episodes in the lives of several early Christian Saints which our country can certainly read and benefit by. I wish you every success".

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*) : Arising from that, may I ask whether the person referred to recommended it as a text-book ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : I cannot say.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know whether anybody outside the Text-Book Committee has any right or privilege whatsoever to recommend any book as a text-book ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : No, Sir.

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MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether responsible journals published reviews on this book before it was submitted to the Text-Book Committee?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether any representation was made to the Director or to the Text-Book Committee, before this book was prescribed as a text-book, objecting to its being prescribed as a text-book?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I point out that such testimonials are often given to every beginner in authorship and therefore should not be made the basis for such books being prescribed as text-books?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I never said, Sir, that that testimonial was the basis for the book being prescribed as a text-book. In fact, I knew of the testimonial long after the book was prescribed as a text-book.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Was there any complaint, that there are objectionable passages in the book, before the book was prescribed as a text-book?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know whether the author of this book was known as an author except for this book?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I believe so, Sir.

Boat Basin for Alleppey.

242. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have sanctioned the construction of a Boat Basin for the protection of sea-going lighters in Alleppey, and if so, when they propose to carry out the work?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. The work will be taken in hand when funds for the purpose become available.

Duty on Coir matting imported into Australia.

243. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the enhancement of duty on coir matting imported into Australia, and, if so, what action they have taken to bring about a reduction in the rate of import duty?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The Government of India were requested to move for a reduction in the rate of duty on coir matting imported into Australia, and they have replied to say that the points raised have been noted by them for consideration, if and when negotiations are undertaken for the conclusion of a trade agreement with Australia.

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MR. K. C KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): When did the Government come to know of the enhancement of duty in Australia?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Chamber of Commerce wrote to Government about it in their letter dated the 7th January 1935.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): When did the Government represent the matter to the Government of India?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They wrote to the Agent to the Governor-General on the 8th February 1935.

Duty on Ginger imported into Australia.

244. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the Australian Government levies a duty on Indian ginger imported into Australia, and, if so, what action they have taken to remedy the situation?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The Government of India have been addressed on the matter and it is to be hoped that they will consider the matter, if and when negotiations are undertaken for the conclusion of a trade agreement with Australia.

Duty on Coir mats and matting imported into New Zealand.

245. * MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the imposition of a duty on coir mats and matting imported into New Zealand; and, if so, the action they have taken to remedy the situation?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The Government of India were addressed with a view to have the duty levied *ad valorem* altered into a specific duty based on the quantity of the coir mats and matting. They have replied to say that the question of duty on coir mats and mattings imported into New Zealand from Travancore will be considered in connection with the negotiations for a trade agreement with New Zealand which they hope to resume in the near future.

Convenience in Alleppey for Passengers by Sea.

246. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of passenger steamers touching Alleppey;

(*b*) what convenience the passengers on board have, if they alight at Alleppey and

(*c*) whether they considered the question of affording facilities to passengers when they alight at Alleppey for sight-seeing or otherwise?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Steamers with passenger accommodation bound for foreign Ports occasionally touch Alleppey for shipping and landing cargo.

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(*b*) All possible conveniences for the safe landing and embarking of passengers by means of accommodation ladder at the Pier are afforded by the Port authorities. Steamer agents concerned provide mail boats as means of transport.

(*c*) Government have not considered the question.

Rubber Quota.

247. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any reply has been received from the Government of India to the Travancore Government's representations for increased basic quotas under the Rubber Restriction Ordinance ;

(*b*) how long the negotiations for the increased quota for South India have been going on ; and

(*c*) when they expect that a settlement of the claims of South India for increased quotas will be reached ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No final reply has been received.

(*b*) For the past eight months.

(*c*) It is not possible to say.

Sea-going Lighters in Alleppey.

248. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of sea-going lighters available for shipping and landing cargo at the port of Alleppey ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Twenty-five.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : May I know the number of sea-going lighters in 1929 ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I have not got the information now before me. But I have the figures for the last three years.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Are the Government aware that a couple of days ago four lighters went down near Alleppey?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I remember to have read something about it in some newspaper.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Do not the Government think that the provision of a tug at Alleppey will facilitate the safe working of these lighters ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government therefore be pleased to provide a tug at Alleppey soon ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Sir, the matter formed the subject of an adjournment motion in this House just a few days ago.

PRESIDENT : And it was dealt with exhaustively.

Provision of a Tug at the Alleppey Port.

249. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government he pleased to state whether they have sanctioned a tug to facilitate landing and shipping of cargo in Alleppey and, if so, when the supply of a tug may be expected ?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) No.

*MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know the answer for the latter part of the question?

PRESIDENT: The 'No.' in the answer covers both parts, obviously.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): That was what I wanted to know.

PRESIDENT: Obviously, of course.

Age-limit for recruitment of Second Judges from the Bar.

250. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the age-limit fixed for the members of the Bar who are to be recruited as Second Judges;

(*b*) whether the High Court have recommended the raising of the age-limit from 40 to 45 and the action taken on such recommendation;

(*c*) whether this rule is applicable to the Sirkar Vakils also; and

(*d*) whether there is any rule fixing the proportion in the matter of recruitment of Second Judges from the members of the Bar and from those in service?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 40.

(*b*) Yes; the question is under consideration.

(*c*) Yes; but Sirkar Vakils who entered service as such before their completion of 40th year of age are not affected by the rule regarding age-limit for recruitment as Second Judges.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): What is the nature of the rule that fixes the proportion in the matter of recruitment of Second Judges from the Bar and from service?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For every two Judges recruited from service, one is recruited from the Bar.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Is that rule in force now?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is the rule that is ordinarily followed.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the circumstances under which the rule has been violated?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot answer that question, since the circumstances vary in each case.

PRESIDENT: Is not Mr. Velayudhan Pillai assuming that the rule is being violated in certain cases? He has to first ascertain from Government whether the rule has been violated in any case.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Has the rule been violated in any case?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It might have been, Sir, in some exceptional cases.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the exceptional circumstances in those cases, Sir?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice, because the papers relating to those cases are not before me.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether the Sirkar Vakils also are not included among those in service for the purpose of recruitment to the Judiciary?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No; for that purpose, they are treated as members of the Bar.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*). Why?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is the rule that Government have laid down.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Are not the Sirkar Vakils getting permanent pay and pension?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; but for the purpose of recruitment to the Judiciary, Government have laid down that the Sirkar Vakils will be treated as members of the Bar. Although they are in pensionable secrvice, they are allowed to have private practice also.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Out of the last six appointments, may I know how many were from among the Sirkar Vakils and how many from other Vakils?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know the age of the oldest of the Judges who were recently recruited from the Bar?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know whether one of them was past fifty?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I ask whether the treating of Sirkar Vakils as members of the Bar for purposes of recruitment to the Judiciary is not prejudicial to the interests of the members of the Bar?

PRESIDENT: That is a matter of opinion.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): I want to know whether the Government are aware of that.

PRESIDENT: You ask whether it is prejudicial or not. The Government member has to say 'yes' or 'no'. It is certainly a matter of opinion. You may or may not agree with the opinion expressed by the Government member. The only object of supplementary questions is to elicit information.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I ask why the age-limit in regard to the recruitment of Second Judges has been dispensed with as in the case of the recruitment of High Court Judges?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It has not been dispensed with.

Entertainment of graduates as Police Constables.

251. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number and names of Graduates who are now Police Constables, with the respective dates on which they entered service ;

(*b*) the number and names of the above Constables who are now acting as Head Constables and the respective dates on which they began to act as such for the first time ;

(*c*) the number and names of the above Constables who have got technical qualifications, with particulars of such qualifications and dates thereof ; and

(*d*) the number and names of Traffic Head Constables now in service who were taken from the general Police Force, with the respective dates of such appointments and the qualifications of each ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), and (*d*). *Statements furnishing the information are laid on the table.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : Am I to understand that the persons mentioned in page 2 of Appendix were permanent Head Constables in the Traffic Department ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : How many of them were confirmed as Head Constables after 6-3-1105 ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : What were the reasons which weighed with the Commissioner of Police in appointing these persons who have no technical or other qualification when there were Constables, some of whom were Graduates who possessed technical and other qulifications ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : Some of them belong to unrepresented and backward classes. That and other considerations weighed with the Commissioner in making the appointments.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know to what caste Mr. Ambiah (No. 10 in Appendix) belongs ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : Is he not a South Travancore Christian ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : Yes, he is a South Travancore Christian.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know whether South Travancore Christians are considered to belong to the unrepresented communities ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : Yes.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SHAIB (*Nominated*) : May I know whether the Commissioner of Police has received applications from technically qualified Muslims for appointment as Traffic Inspectors ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : I am not aware.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : May I know from the member why the later entrants in service are preferred for promotion to earlier entrants, *i. e.*, persons who became constables later are made to act as Head Constables while those who entered earlier still continue as constables ? That is to say, No. 2 in the statement appended entered service on 11-8-1109. He is not acting as Head Constable while men who have entered since, in 1110 are acting. No, Sir, I am sorry I made a mistake.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know from the member the principle which is followed in regard to the recruitment of Police Inspectors in the Police Department ? Whether any principle has been fixed regarding the direct recruitment to Police Inspector's grade ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : No principle is fixed.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : May I know whether it is a fact that, while there are—

PRESIDENT : You are putting questions for the second time ?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : Yes, Sir, I may be permitted to put one question. I made a mistake the first time.

PRESIDENT : Then you have to suffer for it. You cannot put questions as you like.

Land-tax in the Neyyattinkara taluk.

252. *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the following particulars with respect to the Neyyattinkara taluk for each of the years 1107, 1108 and 1109 :—

(*a*) the land-tax that fell in arrears ;

(*b*) the number of demand notices sent ; and

(*c*) the number of cases in which lands have been sold for arrears of land revenue and the extent of the lands sold ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) :

		Rs.	Ch.	C.
(*a*) The amount of land-tax that fell in arrears during	1107	16,969	17	6
do.	1108	19,702	14	8
do.	1109	15,712	23	13

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(*b*) Number of demand notices sent

in	1107	22,433
	1108	28,397
	1109	31,284

		No. of cases	Extent sold	
			Acres.	Cents.
(*c*) Land sold for arrears of land revenue in	1107	37	9	13
	1108	49	12	37
	1109	149	59	85

Gowd Saraswat Brahmins in the Account Office.

253. *MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of clerks and typists in the Account Office belonging to the Gowd Saraswat Brahmin Community ;

(*b*) the number of applications received from candidates belonging to that community from 1108 to 1110 ;

(*c*) whether any candidate belonging to that community has been appointed during the period mentioned above; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, how many have been appointed ?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMY AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Nil.

(*b*) 4

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The question does not arise.

MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : May I know whether a typist was not newly entertained in the Account Office ?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : May I know to what caste he belongs ?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : Brahmin.

Protection of the cocoanut industry.

254. *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) ; Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what steps they have taken up till now (8-11-1110) to protect our cocoanut cultivations from Ceylon competition ; and

(*b*) whether they have thought of the advisability of creating a Central Cocoanut Committee to advise the Government from time to time as to how to protect and promote the interest of the cocoanut cultivators of the State ?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) A recommendation has been made to the Government of India to impose prohibitive duties on cocoanuts, copra, cocoanut oil, coir yarn and coir fibre imported into British India.

(*b*) The Imperial Council of Agricultural Research has been moved for the constitution of an Indian Cocoanut Committee on the lines of the Indian Central Cotton Committee to further the interests of the cocoanut industry in India including Travancore.

Export duty on cocoanut products.

255 ***MR. K P. KRISHNA MENON** (*Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) what are the old and revised *ad valorem* values of 1,000 cocoanuts fixed by the Government for the purpose of levying duty :

(*b*) what were the respective market values of 1,000 cocoanuts at the time when the old and revised scales of value were fixed :

(*c*) whether any orders have been passed by the Government on the resolution passed by this House in the Edavam Session of 1109 for abolishing the export duty on cocoanut products ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether a copy of the same could be placed on the table of the House ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) No *ad valorem* value is fixed for the purpose of levying export duty on cocoanuts. The tariff value fixed for the purpose was Bh. Rs. 48 per 1,000 cocoanuts before 1-1-1100 and Bh. Rs. 30 per 1,000 cocoanuts since that date.

(*b*) At the time of fixing the old tariff rate, the market value of cocoanuts ranged between Bh. Rs. 18 and Bh. Rs, 20 per thousand. The market value ranged betwen Bh. Rs, 12 and Bh. Rs. 16 per one thousand cocoanuts at the time the current tariff rate was fixed.

(*c*) The tariff values of copra, cocoanuts, cocoanut oil and *punnac* have been reduced for the purpose of levy of export duty thereon.

(*d*) Government do not consider this necessary.

MR. K P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) ; May I know from the Government the reasons for fixing the tariff value at Bh. Rs. 30 for 1,000 cocoanuts when the market value is less ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : The tariff value of cocoanut and copra is always fixed higher than the market value, for affording protection to the oil-mill industry in the State.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : In answer to part (*d*) "Government do not consider this necessary", may I know why the Government did not consider this necessary ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Government did not consider it necessary. The reason is not a matter for discussion.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know the reasons which actuated Government to consider this as unnecessary. May I know from the Government whether the tariff value is artificial or has any relation to the market price ?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): It is slightly higher than the market value.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): What is meant by 'slightly'? What is the present rate of the cocoanuts?

MR. C O MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): It is to afford protection to the oil mill industry in the State? To that extent the tariff value is fixed high.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): What is the present market value of cocoanuts?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The market value of cocoanuts the day before yesterday at Alleppey was ranging between Rs. 27½ and Rs. 22 for thousand nuts with husks.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the object of tariff on copra is to afford protection to the oil industry, only? Is that the object, the only object?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): I did not give such an answer. I only said that the tariff value is fixed slightly higher than the market value.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether there is any object in putting the tariff value a little higher than the market value?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The tariff value is fixed slightly higher only with this object in view.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the oil mills got down Ceylon copra and used them?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): No, Sir, the Travancore mills did not get down Ceylon copra this year.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): And whether Government did not fix any duty on copra?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): There was never a time when Government did not levy a duty on copra.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether there was any time in recent years when the Ceylon copra was used by the oil millers?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Yes in 1108. In 1109, only a small quantity was imported.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLI (*Quilon I*): May I know why that was made possible?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): I think, perhaps it was, because they did not get sufficient supply of copra at that time in Travancore and partly also on account of the favourable price in Ceylon. A concession was granted that oil and *punnac* crushed out of Ceylon copra would be permitted free export.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether it was one of the objects to give protection to the oil-mill industry? Whether Government had in view that the oil mills will be a permanent source for the consumption of Travancore copra; whether that consideration weighed with the Government?

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Mr. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The oil mills consume a large quantity of copra.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the market values are taken into account in fixing the revised tariff values for a definite period?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Of course, the revised tariff values are fixed according to market values.

MR. A. THANU PILLI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know the average tariff value on one thousand cocoanuts with the market value?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The present tariff value was fixed from the 1st of Chingam.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Rural*): I want to know about the average market value of one thousand cocoanuts?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The average has not been calculated.

Sale of intoxicants in and about the temple premises.

256 *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the sale of toddy, arrack, opium and ganja in and about the temple premises of the State during the festival occasions?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether the sale of toddy, arrack, opium and ganja in and about the Sarkara temple premises in Chirayinkil during the festival occasions is irregular?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether it is not a fact that these intoxicants are sold in and about the temple premises throughout the State on festival occasions?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether anybody brought to the notice of Government the fact of selling toddy, arrack, opium and ganja during the festival occasion at Sarkara temple?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

Graduates recruited as Police Constables.

257 *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a certain number of graduates recruited as Fourth Grade Constables in the Police Department are even now continuing in the Fourth Grade;

(*b*) whether, when these persons were in service, direct recruitments to the Head Constable's post have been made and, if so, the names of persons so recruited, with their qualifications;;

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[Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan.]

(*c*) whether any preference is shown to the graduate Constables in the matter of promotions; and

(*d*) if any person referred to in part (*b*) is an undergraduate, the reason for recruiting a less qualified person when graduates were available?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. A *statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

(*c*) Yes. Accelerated promotions are ordered to be given to graduate Police Constables in consideration of merit and capacity for work.

(*d*) Family considerations and other personal qualities.

Caste-war Statement of Head Constables.

258 *MR. K. MADHAVAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war statement of Head Constables in the Police Department?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): A *statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Ezhava First Grade Constables.

259. *MR. K. MADHAVAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of Ezhava First Grade Constables in the Police Department:

(*b*) their names and qualifications;

(*c*) the number of years they have remained as First Grade Constables; and

(*d*) whether the claims of any of them have been overlooked when vacancies for promotion as Head Constables arose in the Police Department?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) Five.

(*b*) and (*c*) A *statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

(*d*) No.

MR. K. MADHAVAN (*Nominated*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know the total number of First Grade Constables promoted as Head Constables this year?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I claim notice.

MR. K. MADHAVAN (*Nominated*): May I know whether there are First Grade Constables possessing more than 13 years' service who have not been promoted as Head Constables this year?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I claim notice.

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Ezhavas appointed as Excise Inspectors.

260 *MR. K. MADHAVAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the present Excise Commissioner has appointed any qualified Ezhava of the Trivandrum Division in the cadre of Sub-Inspectors or Excise Inspectors or in the clerical staff in the Department. and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the names of the persons appointed?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Agricultural loans in certain taluks.

261 *MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to state the following particulars with respect to each of the taluks of Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Mavelikara for each of the years 1107, 1108 and 1109;

(*a*) the total number of agricultural loans for which applications were received;

(*b*) the actual amount of loan sanctioned:

(*c*) the number of cases in which instalments of loan fell in arrears; and

(*d*) the total amount of arrears?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) to (*d*) A †statement containing the particulars is placed on the table.

Standardisation of salaries.

262 *MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representation against the standardisation of salaries recently brought into effect?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Schools, Satrams etc., not opened to the public.

263 *MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of schools, *satrams*, tanks and wells and the length of roads maintained out of public funds, which were not opened to all castes and communities alike on the date of the Press Communique issued by Government early in Makaram 1109 regarding the opening of these to all classes alike; and

(*b*) the number of such schools, tanks, wells and *satrams* and the length of roads that have been allowed to be used by all classes of people alike subsequent to the date of the Press Communique?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Govern nent*) : (*a*) ‡Lists of schools, tanks, wells, *satrams* and roads which were not opened to all castes and communities at the time of the issue of the Press Communique in Makaram 1109 are laid on the table.

(*b*) Four departmental and three aided schools have been thrown open to all classes since the issue of the above Press Communique.

No tanks, wells, *satrams* etc., have been thrown open.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know whether the Government have considered the desirability of throwing open all tanks, wells, *satrams*, etc., given in the statement to all communities?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is under consideration.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : How long was it under consideration ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It has been under consideration for some time. I cannot give the exact period.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know from the member whether the people of any other caste have raised any objection in throwing open all the tanks, wells, *satrams*, etc. to all communities?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The matter is being enquired into. Whether objections have been raised or not, I cannot say.

Aided and unaided Reading Rooms.

264. ***MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of aided and unaided Reading Rooms and Libraries in the State classified under—
Libraries as follows :—

(i) those in towns ;

(ii) those in villages ; and

(*b*) the amount they spend on aided Libraries and Reading Rooms ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) Information *re* the number of unaided Reading Rooms and Libraries is not available. Particulars *re* aided Reading Rooms and Libraries are as follows :—

(i) 12.

(ii) 24.

(*b*) Rs. 2,182-25-0 in 1109.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : May I know from the member whether he will take the necessary steps to gather the information *re* the number of unaided Reading Rooms and Libraries in the State and the results made known to this House ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes.

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Conservancy work at Vamanapuram.

265. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be to state:

(*a*) whether any action was taken to start conservancy work at Vamanapuram;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that, due to absence of conservancy work, the place between Vamanapuram district dispensary and Karattu junction is capable of being infected with contagious diseases;

(*c*) whether any representation was made about this to the authorities concerned; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, what action was taken thereupon?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No:

(*b*) No.

(*c*) A representation is reported to have been made by the member to the Sanitary Commissioner in 1108.

(*d*) The Sanitary Commissioner conducted enquiries, but made no recommendations to Government in the matter.

Public Service Commission Report.

266. *MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatand I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the terms of reference to Dr. Nokes for the preparation of the Public Service Commission Report;

(*b*) whether he has submitted his report; and

(*c*) if so, whether Government have passed final orders on the same?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The terms of reference to Dr. Nokes are confidential.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

Graduate Petty Officers in the Excise Department.

267. *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) the qualification prescribed for appointment as Petty Officer;

(*b*) the number of graduate Petty Officers in the department

(*c*) whether they have any special claim to be promoted as clerks or as Sub-Inspectors in the department;

(*d*) if so, the number of appointments made;

(*e*) whether any fresh graduates are appointed as clerks or Sub-Inspectors disregarding the claims of graduate Petty Officers already in service in the department; and

(*f*) whether any preference is given to the graduate Petty Officers for promotion just as the graduate clerks in the department?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) ; (*a*) The minimum qualification prescribed in the Public Service Notification and in the Travancore Service Regulations and the Departmental Examinations for Petty Officers and Peons.

(*b*) Seven.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) A graduate who was a First Grade Petty Officer was promoted to act as Sub-Inspector.

(*e*) Graduates are appointed as clerks or Sub-Inspectors. That cannot be said to be in disregard of the claims of graduate Petty Officers because graduates entering service as Petty Officers do not immediately acquire any claim for promotion as clerks or Sub-Inspectors in the next vacancies.

(*f*) Yes, in deserving cases.

Promotion of Police Constables.

268. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many first class Constables were promoted as Head Constables in the Traffic Section of the Police Department since the organisation of that section in 1108 ; and

(*b*) the length of service in first class and qualification of persons so promoted ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : (*a*) One.

(*b*) 2 years and 3 months. Efficiency and character.

Appointments made by the Commissioner of Police.

269. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state, with reference to the period during wich Rao Bahadur Ramanuja Aiyangar was the Commissioner of Police :

(*a*) the number of acting and permanent Inspectors appointed from the rank of Head Constables ;

(*b*) the number of acting and permanent Inspectors appointed from the clerical staff of the department ; and

(*c*) the number of acting, permanent or probationary Inspectors recruited from outside the department ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) 2.

(*b*) 1.

(*c*) 5.

Removal of the Holy Koran from Courts.

270. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there were representations, in the old Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and in the Legislative Council, to remove copies of the Holy Koran from the Courts of the State ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken by the Government in the matter ?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In accordance with the reply given by the Dewan to two representations made at the 23rd Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, to the effect that (i) the Koran would be kept locked up in a box of which the Judge or the Magistrate would keep the key and (ii) that, if it was found that no Muslim called for the Koran in Courts, for three years, the question of withdrawing the sacred volume from the Courts would be considered, the High Court were requested, in G. O. R. O. C. No. 6058 of 27/Judl., dated the 8th October 1927. to issue the necessary instructions to the subordinate Courts in the matter and to send up to Government statements as to the calls for Koran made in Courts by Muslim parties and witnesses during the course of three years. It was found from the statements received that there had been calls for the Koran in the majority of Civil and Criminal Courts during the years 1103 to 1105. It was therefore ordered in G. O. D. Dis. No. 1726 of 31/Judl., dated the 9th July 1931, that the demand for Koran during those years did not justify the withdrawal of the sacred volume from Law Courts.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether there were objections made against the use of the Holy Koran in the courts?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Am I to understand that Government do not attach any importance to the representations made in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and Legislative Council urging the need for the removal of Holy Koran from all courts of the State.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government attach very great importance to all these representations and as a result of those representations they have taken necessary action.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): So, am I to understand that, unless the Government are aware of the fact that there is no call for this book from the Muslim litigants and a statement made and reported to Government, no action will be taken by them for the removal of the book from courts?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There have been calls for the Holy Book.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether Government are aware that there is no such call for this book in the courts?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government will enquire into it.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Is the member aware that an assurance has been given in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly that the Holy Koran used in the courts of the State will be removed or at least they will try it as an experiment?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; it has been tried, and found that there have been calls for the Koran. The answer is already there.

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Expenditure on plague preventive measures.

271 *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing the expenditure incurred hitherto for the preventive measures adopted against the introduction of plague into this State from Cochin and British parts?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Rs. 50,569-13-9 till the end of Edavam 1110.

Muslims appointed in the Account Office.

272 *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many years have elapsed since a Muslim was first appointed in the undergraduate vacancy in the Account Office;

(*b*) after this, how many appointments were made in the undergraduate vacancies in the Account Office; and

(*c*) of these, how many are Muslims and how many are non-Muslims?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There is no such vacancy as an "under-graduate vacancy" in the Account Office.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to parts (*a*), parts (*b*) and (*c*) do not arise.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether in the vacancy of a graduate an undergraduate can be appointed?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMY AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): No such distinction is made in the Account Office as a graduate vacancy or an undergraduate vacancy, But a proportion is kept between graduates and undergraduates in filling up vacancies as they arise.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Is the initial pay the same in the both cases?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Additional Munsiff's Court, Neyyattinkara.

273 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Neyyattinkara Additional Munsiff's Court has been shifted from Neyyattinkara to Kuzhittura as a temporary measure; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the Munsiff's Court at Nedumangad is a Temporary Court?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) May I know whether it is not possible for the Government to give a permanent court at Nedumangad by shifting the additional court from Kuzhittura without any additional expenditure?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Regarding the establishment of a permanent Munsiff's Court at Nedumangad, the High Court say that some more time should elapse before they decide whether a permanent court there is necessary or not.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the number of years since the temporary court was started there?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I don't know the exact number of years.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): From the time of starting till this date, was there not sufficient work for the court to make it permanent?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The High Court are the best authority to decide it. They say that some more time must elapse before the question could be decided.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Law's Delays' Commissioner has specified the number of cases that should be disposed of by a particular court before it is made permanent?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Nedumangad court has got that file?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I must look into papers to answer that question. I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): If there is sufficient number of cases to justify the court being made permanent, will the Government consider that?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As I said, the High Court are of opinion that some more time should elapse before it could be decided whether the court is to be made permanent or not.

PRESIDENT: The time allotted for questions having expired the remaining questions will as usual appear in the proceedings.

Applications for building places of public worship.

274 ***MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications received from Christians, Hindus and Muslims in the last 3 years for building places of public worship; and

(*b*) the number sanctioned to each in each of these years?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*)

Christians	190
Hindus	3
Muslims	21

(*b*)

	1107.	1108.	1109.
Christians	25	52	35
Hindus	1	1	1
Muslims	6	1	2

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Building of Churches.

275 *MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applications received from the Archbishop of Trivandrum for building churches from 1108 up-to-date (10-11-1110) ;

(*b*) the number sanctioned ; and

(*c*) whether sanction has been refused in any case; if so, the reason for the same in each ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 13.

(*b*) 2.

(*c*) Yes. Out of 11 cases, 3 were rejected owing to defects in title and the remaining 8 on account of objectionable proximity to other places of public worship.

Applications for building churches.

276 *MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of rejected applications by Christians within the last 3 years for permission to erect places of public worship ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The following is the list of rejected applications :—

1107—17
1108—24
1109—37.

Cultivation of tobacco.

277 *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have passed orders on the recommendation made by the Economic Development Board to conduct a thorough enquiry into the possibilities of cultivating tobacco in Travancore and lift all the restrictions placed on the cultivation of tobacco in Travancore at present ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : The matter is engaging the attention of Government. Draft Rules have already been published in the Gazette.

Paddy in Travancore.

278 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether Travancore is self-supporting with regard to paddy ; and

(*b*) the quantity of paddy and rice that is annually imported into the State ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) A * statement showing the quantities of rice and paddy imported into the State during the last five years is placed on the table.

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Koran in Law Courts.

279 *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date of the Government order directing the Courts of Law to keep the copies of the Holy Koran locked up in separate boxes :

(*b*) whether there is any provision in the same Government order to the effect that the copies of the Holy Koran will be totally removed from all the Courts after a certain period ; and

(*c*) whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the same Government Order ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) 8th October 1927.

(*b*) The order was to the effect that if it was found that no Muslims called for the Koran in Courts for three years, the question of withdrawing the sacred volume from the Courts would be considered.

(*c*) A copy of G. O. R. O. C. No. 6058 of 27/Judl., dated the 8th October 1927, is laid on the table.

Prohibition of procession with tom-tom in front of places of worship.

280 *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a prayer in the report submitted to Government by the non-official Muslim Committee who enquired into the firing by the Police at the Mosque at Quilon, for the passing of a Regulation prohibiting processions with *tom-tom* in front of all places of worship of every community in the State ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they will be pleased to state the nature of the action taken by Government on the same ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise.

Godown rent from the Tobacco Licensees.

281 *MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amounts collected in the shape of godown rent from the tobacco licensees at the tobacco bankshalls at Quilon and Alleppey during the year 1109 ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) :

		Rs.	Chs.	C.
Quilon	...	9,408	7	12
Alleppey	...	4,110	8	11

Motor Bus and railway fares between Trivandrum and Shencotta.

282 *MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are motor buses plying for hire between Trivandrum and Shencotta ; and

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(*b*) if so, how the motor fare for passengers compares with the third class railway fare between Trivandrum and Shencotta?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The present bus fare is Re. 1.

The 3rd class railway fare is Re. 1-as. 12-ps. 9.

Pokkuvaravu Cases.

283 ***MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of *pokkuvaravu* cases pending disposal in Shertala; and

(*b*) the average length of time of the pendency of these cases?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) 516 at the end of Edavam 1110.

(*b*) 13 days.

Teaching of Hindi in Schools.

284 ***SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*): With reference to the resolution passed in the Travancore Legislative Council on 25-12-1106, about the teaching of Hindi in the schools of the State, will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken to implement the resolution?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The resolution, which recommended that Hindi be made a compulsory subject in classes V to VII of the Vernacular Schools and Forms IV to VI of the English High Schools of the State, was not accepted by the Government owing to certain practical difficulties and for reasons explained in G. O. D. Dis. No. 1491 of 31/Edn., dated the 25th December 1931. Provision was, however, made for the teaching of Hindi as one of the Second Languages for the English School Leaving Certificate Examination: and from the beginning of the current academic year it is being taught as such in Form IV in the Sri Mula Vilasom School, Trivandrum.

Mineral resources of the State.

285 * **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any definite scheme of utilising the mineral resources of the State has been received by the Government from their Geological Experts or from the Department of Industries; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been or is proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is under the consideration of Government.

Complaints against Mr. E. I. Mathew.

286 ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Governmenbe pleased to state whether they are aware that there were serious complaints against Mr. E. I. Mathew, the Director of Registration, while he was the Anchal Superintendent?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

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Pirappancode-Pothencode Village Road.

287 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedmangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how long it is since the Pirappancode-Pothencode Village road remains as such : and

(*b*) what would be the approximate amount for constructing the above village road into a cartable gravel road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Since 1098 M. E.

(*b*) About Rs. 22,000.

Nedumangad-Shorlacode Road.

288 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleaesd to state :

(*a*) whether any allotment has been provided in the budget for the improvement, etc., of the Nedumangad-Shorlacode road; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the allotted amount has been utilised for the purpose or diverted for any other purpose ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Inspection of the Thalavady river.

289 *MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has inspected the part of the Thalavady river, which was the subject of interpellation in this House, as steadily silting up so as to impede navigation ;

(*b*) if he has, whether he has been satisfied as to the need of removing the obstruction in the current of the river ; and

(*c*) whether he has made any recommendation to Government to remove the menace to navigation ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) He is having an estimate prepared for submission to Government.

Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Works.

290 *MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether, before the starting of the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric works, expert opinion was obtained ;

(*b*) if so, who was the expert whose services were obtained ;

(*c*) whether he was shown any other alternative scheme and

(*d*) whether the opinion of that expert could be availed of now regarding the possibility of starting Hydro-Electric works at Idiki ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Yes.

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(*b*) Mr. G. B. E. Truscott, Resident Engineer of the Pykara Construction works.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

The Kayamkulam Market Bridge.

291 * **MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names and addresses of contractors employed by Government for the construction of the Kayamkulam market bridge, the Kannalipalam and the Jagati bridge ;

(*b*) the amount sanctioned for each of the above bridges ; and

(*c*) the names and addresses of other persons who were applicants for the above works ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) :

(*a*) Messrs. J. C. Gammon Ltd., Madras, contractors for the construction of the Kayamkulam bridge and the Jagati bridge and Messers. General Construction Co., Ltd., Madras, contractors for the construction of Kannalipalam bridge.

(*b*) Rs. 56,000 for Kayamkulam bridge, Rs. 34,150 for the Kannalipalam bridge, Rs. 37,200 for the Jagati bridge.

(*c*) *Kayamkulam bridge.*

1 Messrs. P. M. Mani & Co., Trivandrum.
2 ,, Gannon Dunkerley & Co,, Madras.
3 ,, The Railway and General Engineering Co., Coimbatore.
4 ,, The General Construction Co., Madras.
5 ,, Braithwaite & Co., Ltd. Calcutta.
6 ,, Burn & Co., Howrah.
7 ,, Harrisons & Crosfield, Quilon.

Kannalipalam bridge.

1 Mr .N. O. Francis, Contractor, Tiruvalla.
2 Messrs. Harrisons & Crosfield, Quilon.
3 ,, Braithwaite & Co., Ltd., Calcutta.
4 ,, Jessop & Co., Ltd., Calcutta.
5 ,, J. C. Gammon Ltd., Madras.

Jagati bridge.

1 Messrs. Sarma Bros., Trivandrum.
2 Mr. S. Perumal Pillai, Trivandrum.
3 Messrs. Harrisons & Crosfield, Quilon.
4 Mr. N. O. Francis, Tiruvalla.
5 Messrs. Gannon Dunkerley & Co., Madras.
6 ,, The General Construction Co., Madras.
7 ,, Braithwaite & Co. Ltd., Calcutta.
8 ,, Burn & Co. Ltd., Howrah.
9 ,, Jessop & Co. Ltd., Calcutta.

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Supply of copies of the Assembly Proceedings to the members of the Legislature.

292 *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any rule fixing the time for making the printed copies of the Assembly Proceedings available to the members of the Legislature; and

(*b*) the date of the fourth session of the Sri Mulam Assembly and the date on which the printed copies of the Assembly Proceedings of the above session were last supplied to the members?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The fourth session of the Sri Mulam Assembly was held from the 8th to the 15th Makaram 1110. The printed copies of the proceedings of this session were last supplied to the members on the 10th Edavam 1110.

Todiyur-Arattukadavu todu.

298. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Irrigation Engineer has taken any step for the improvement of the Todiyur-Arattukadavu *todu* in the Mavelikara taluk; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken by him?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A preliminary investigation has been made and steps taken to demarcate the *poramboke* limits of the *todu*.

Road from Aroor-Shertala road to the Tirumala temple.

294 *MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*): With reference to the answer to parts (*a*) and (*b*) of question No. 3 given on 21st January 1935, of this Assembly, will the Government be pleased to state the further progress made with regard to the road from the Aroor-Shertala road to the Tirumala temple?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Detailed estimates have been prepared and they are under scrutiny.

Duty period of Medical officers.

295 *MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Darbar Physician has issued a circular to the medical officers directing them not to leave their institutions during the prescribed hours of work, either morning or evening;

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(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether it is done in pursuance of the Government order ;

(*c*) if so, the number and date of the circular ; and

(*d*) whether they are aware that the circular of the Darbar Physician causes serious hardship and inconvenience to the public ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), this question does not arise.

(*d*) No.

Tondankulangara—Munro Light Road.

296 *MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : With reference to the answers to parts (*b*) and (*c*) of question No. 80, given on 31st July 1934, of this Assembly, will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether plan and estimate were prepared for this road ;

(*b*) what the estimated cost of the road is, excluding the land compensation ;

(*c*) what the length of the road is ;

(*d*) to what extent the work has progressed ; and

(*e*) why the work is not yet completed ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) :

(*a*) Plan and estimate are under preparation.

(*b*) This information can be furnished only after the estimate is completed.

(*c*) About two miles.

(*d*) and (*e*) Do not arise.

Bridge at Neriamangalam.

297 *MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the quantity of timber actually used in the construction for the recently opened bridge at Neriamangalam ;

(*b*) out of the same, the quantity actually purchased by the Public Works Department from the Forest Department and the quantity purchased from private agencies and the value paid in both the cases ; and

(*c*) the reasons, if any, for going in for purchase from private persons, ignoring the Forest Department ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) No separate account of timber used by the contractors has been kept.

(*b*) No timber was purchased by the department.

(*c*) This does not arise.

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Relief of Unemployment.

298 *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have started any public works since the last Budget Session in order to relieve unemployment in rural centres of the State; and

(*b*) if so, the names of such centres?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*.)

Transport of Medicines from the Medical Stores.

299 *MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanacherry cum Perumade II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) who is doing the work of transport of medicine from the Medical Stores to the various Hospitals and Dispensaries in the State in the current year (1110);

(*b*) whether the work was given by public auction;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, why it was not done so;

(*d*) whether there were other applicants for the work for 1111 M. E.; and

(*e*) the total expenses incurred for the work in 1109 and 1110?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) Mr. P. P. Cheriyan, Lily Lodge, Trivandrum.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Tenders for the work were invited by a Gazette Notification and the work was given to the lowest tenderer.

(*d*) There are two applicants for 1111.

(*e*) The total expenditure for 1109 is not available at present. The total expenditure for 1110 (up to 13th July 1935/29th Mithunam 1110) is Rs. 6,400.

Clerks in the Darbar Physician's Office.

300 *MR. K. MADHAVAN (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war return of clerks in the Darbar Physician's Office?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) whether the claims of any Ezhava clerk for promotion in the aforesaid office have been overlooked; and

(ii) if the answer to part (i) is in the affirmative, the reasons therefor?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) The *statement is laid on the table.

(*b*) (i) and (ii). Yes; on account of higher qualification and efficiency.

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Tuberculosis Hospital in Nagercoil.

301 *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have decided finally to construct a Tuberculosis Hospital at Nagercoil in the present proposed site :

(*b*) whether they have received any protest against the establishment in that site and

(*c*) if so, with what results ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darlar Physician*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) A few petitions have been received against the selection of the site proposed for the hospital.

(*c*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Hindu Nalar clerks in the P. W. D.

302 *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

( ) whether there are any Hindu Nadars as clerks in the Chief Engineer's Office and in the Division Office, Nagercoil :

(*b*) if so, how many ;

(*c*) whether any applications were received by the Chief Engineer and the Division Officer, Nagercoil, from Hindu Nadars for appointment in 1109 and 1110 ; and

(*d*) if so, how many ?

MR G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Two by the Chief Engineer and seven by the Division Officer, Nagercoil.

Coast road from Rajakamangalam to Keelamanakudy.

303 *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have taken any steps with regard to the coastal road from Keelamanakudy, Tamarakulam *pakuthi*, Agastisvaram taluk, to Rajakamangalam of the said taluk ; and

(*b*) if so, what steps ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Estimate for a portion of the road from Rajakamangalam to Keelamanakudy, *i. e.*, from Rajakamangalam to Eathamoly, has been sanctioned and the work will be taken up as soon as the required lands are handed over to the P. W. D. and funds allotted. The alignment of 2½ miles of the road from Eathamoly eastward has been settled and the remaining portion is being investigated.

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Muhilan Vila—Melakrishnanputhoor road.

304 * **MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of the ryots' road from Muhilanvila to Melakrishnanputhoor in the Agastisvaram taluk ; and

(*b*) if so, whether they have taken any steps for the grant of maintenance ?

MR. G. B E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes

(*b*) The road in question will be taken up under departmental maintenance after the lands required therefor have been acquired and handed over to the P. W. D. But, the acquisition proceedings can be set on foot only after the full estimated value of the lands, whose owners are unwilling to surrender them free, is deposited by the villagers interested in the work.

Village roads in Edappalli.

305 * **MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are representations to convert the two village roads, *viz.*, (i) from the Edappalli Palace to Cheranalloor (Cochin State boundary) and (ii) from the Edappalli Railway Station to Cheranalloor (Cochin boundary) into cart-roads ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken on those representations ;

(*c*) whether the Chief Engineer or the Executive Engineer at Alwaye visited these places ; and

(*d*) if so, the effect of their visits ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) (i) No

(ii) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate for (*a*) (ii) has been prepared by the Division Officer, Alwaye Division, but not submitted to Government. A report on the representation relating to the same road is, however, under the consideration of Government.

(*c*) The Executive Engineer has inspected the place.

(*d*) The question of improvements to (*a*) (ii) is under consideration.

Pechipara Dam.

306 * **MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have taken into consideration the question of supplementing the Pechipara Reservoir ; and

(*b*) if so, with what results ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Investigation into the possibility of using Chittar No. I as an auxiliary Catchment to the Kodayar is being carried out by the P. W. D. Division Officer, Nagercoil.

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Duty period of Medical Officers.

307 *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Darbar Physician has recently issued a circular to the Medical Officers asking them not to leave their respective hospitals during the prescribed hours of work, *viz.*, morning and evening; and

(*b*) when there is an urgent call from outside the hospital premises for medical aid, whether a doctor in charge of a hospital could visit the patient and give him medical relief?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) The member is referred to the answer given to question No. 295, by Mr. M. K. Janardana Kamath.

(*b*) Yes; in urgent cases.

Firing before the Quilon Mosque.

308 *MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken on the report of Mr. M. Ramachandra Row, Ag. Commissioner, Devicolam, regarding the shooting incident in front of the Chinnakada Mosque, Quilon, which took place so early as in Chingam 1110?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The report is under the consideration of Government.

Toll-Gate on Nedumangad-Shorlacode Road.

309 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that there is a P. W. D. toll-gate, which is a branch of the Nedumangad toll-gate, put up on the branch road known as Nedumangad-Shorlacode road;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they are aware that the putting up of this branch of the P. W. D. toll-gate is against the avowed policy of Government with regard to the opening of P. W. D. toll-gates;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the people, in these days of economic depression and famine in Nedumangad taluk, are experiencing serious hardships due to the existence of the toll-gate; and

(*d*) how long it is since the above branch of the toll-gate was established?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) From the beginning of 1108 M. E.

Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

310 *MISS HEPZIBAH GNANASIKAMONY (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to construct a Tuberculosis Sanatorium near Nagercoil; and

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(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they will consider the fact that such an act will be injurious to the health of the growing town and revise the proposal ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Durbar Physician*) : (*a*) and (*b*). The member is referred to the answer furnished to question No. 301 by Mr. S Thiraviam Nadar.

Ladies with Medical Degrees.

311 * **MISS HEPZIBAH GNANASIKAMONY** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of ladies holding M. B. C. M. degree or M. B. B. S. degree and L. M. P. degree in the State employed and the number unemployed ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Durbar Physician*) : The statement is laid on the table.

Kuttapuzha Canal Scheme.

312 * **MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Changanachery I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state what progress has been made in the Kuttapuzha Canal scheme ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : The earth work in the Kuttapuzha cut proper has been started and is in good progress and the acquisition of land required for the work has been arranged for.

Culverts and bridges in the Amaravila-Ottasekharamangalam road.

313 * **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state, with reference to the construction of culverts and bridges in the Amaravila-Ottasekharamanglam road in the Neyyattinkara taluk :

(*a*) when estimates were prepared for the construction of culverts, how many culverts were proposed to be constructed, how many were constructed, if any, and when;

(*b*) whether they or the P. W. D. have not received representations pressing on the Government the need for a bridge over the Chittar and, if so, what action, if any, was taken thereon ;

(*c*) whether any estimate has been prepared or any report submitted by the P. W. D. Section Officer *re* the putting up of a bridge over the Chittar and, if so, when ; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to look into the question and do the needful, as a matter of urgent public importance ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Five culverts were proposed to be constructed, out of which one was constructed as per estimate sanctioned in 1108.

(*b*) Yes. Action could be taken only after the road work is taken up and completed.

(*c*) Report was submitted by the Section Officer on 9-6-1934.

(*d*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*b*).

* *Vide* Appendix XI.

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Lady Doctor in the Vaikam District Hospital.

314 *MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any representations, either this year (1110) or last year, from the public of Vaikam, for a lady doctor in the Vaikam District Hospital and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken thereon ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The petitioners were informed that the posting of a lady doctor at Vaikam would receive consideration when more Lady Medical Officers were entertained in the Medical Department.

Bridge across the Alleppey-Shertala Canal.

315 *MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether they are convinced of the necessity of a bridge across the Alleppey-Shertala Canal west of the Shertala Police Station, English and Vernacular Schools ;

(*b*) how long it is since the old bridge on the site has gone into disuse ; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that the public and the school-going children are put to very great inconvenience for want of such a bridge ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Just over two years.

(*c*) Yes.

Toll-Gate at Neriamangalam.

316 *MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) when the toll-gate at Neriamangalam was established first ; and

(*b*) the toll revenue accrued to Government from the gate prior to the opening of the Neriamangalam bridge ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) From the beginning of 1108 M. E.,

(*b*) Rs. 21,505 approximately.

Alleppey Water Supply Scheme.

317 *MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to provide drinking water for Alleppey from a reservoir to be erected at Pazhaveed ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the scheme has been scrutinised by an expert and

(*c*) the estimated cost and the approximate time for the completion of the scheme ?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), these questions do not arise.

Generating electric power from a water-fall in Todupuzha taluk.

318 ***MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of a water-fall in the Todupuzha taluk ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, when it came to their notice ;

(*c*) whether they have explored its possibilities for generating electric power ; and

(*d*) if so, whether they propose to utilise its possibilities ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 1919.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The question of the development of this fall will be considered if more power is required for the State after the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Project has been fully utilised.

Honorary House Surgeons and Physicians.

319. * **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*) : With reference to the scheme of entertaining honorary house surgeons and honorary house physicians in Government hospitals, will the Government be pleased to state whether the scheme tried in the Government hospital has been found to be successful ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : Yes if by Government hospital the member means the General Hospital.

Nursing staff.

320. * **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the needs of the medical institutions of the State in the matter of nurses have been fully met ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : The answer is in the negative.

The Ophthalmic Hospital, Trivandrum.

321. * **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether, in view of the steadily increasing number of in-patients and out-patients in the Ophthalmic Hispital, Trivandrum, and in view of the lack of accommodation experienced in the present building, the Government have considered the necessity of housing it in a more commodious and better equipped building ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : Steps are in progress to provide additional accommodation for the Ophthalmic Hospital, Trivandrum.

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Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to question No 238**

No. I.

Statement showing the pendency of Original and Small Cause Suits in the Neyyatinkara Principal and Additional Munsiffs' Courts and in the Kuzhittura Munsiff's Court when the Additional Munsiff's Court was shifted to Kuzhittura.

Name of the Court.	No. of cases pending		Remarks.
	O. S.	S. C. S.	
Principal Munsiff's Court, Neyyattinkara.	319	41	
Additional Do.	352	70	
District Munsiff's Court, Kuzhittura.	1,303	195	

No. II.

Statement showing the pendency of Original and Small Cause Suits in the following Munsiffs' Courts on 25-9-1110.

Name of the Court.	No. of cases pending		Remarks.
	O. S.	S. C. S.	
District Munsiff's Court, Neyyattinkara.	1,578	545	
Principal Munsiff's Court, Kuzhittura.	1,246	111	
Additional Do. Do.	676	9	

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Appendix II.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 251.**

Statement showing the names, dates of entry, technical qualifications and acting service as Head Constables of the Graduate Constables in the Police Department.

Serial No.	General number and name.	Date on which they entered.	Whether now acting as Head Constable.	Date on which they began to act.	Technical qualification etc.
1	2269 J. Azaria ...	3-2-1106	Yes.	15-10-1109	
2	483 Parameswaran Nair ...	11-8-1109	No.	...	
3	1189 C. O. Philip ...	4-3-1110	No.	...	
4	422 Uthup ...	6-3-1105	Yes.	17-10-1110	Promotion Test Examination.
5	274 Gopalan Nair ...	4-3-1110	No.	...	
6	482 Velu Kutty Nair ...	4-3-1110	No.	...	
7	165 Ramakrishna Aiyar ...	4-3-1110	No.	...	
8	419 Raghavan Pillai ...	4-3-1110	No.	...	
9	645 P. Padmanabha Chettiar ...	20-11-1110	No.	...	
10	265 Ambiah ...	6-3-1105	Yes.	18-4-1109	Holder of Diploma in Auto Expert Course.

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APPENDIX II—(*contd*)

Statement showing the names of Traffic Head Constables in the Police Department with the dates of their appointment and qualifications.

Serial No.	General No,	Name.	Date of appointment in the Traffic Unit.	Qualification.
1	109	Agustine ...	1 -3-1108	Typewriting Intermediate Grade.
2	603	Ramakrishna Pillai ...	Do.	Nil
3	318	Krishna Aiyar ...	11-2-1108	Promotion Test Examination.
4	770	Narayana Pillai ...	1-3-1108	S. H. O. Test.
5	793	Velu Pillai ...	Do.	Nil.
6	831	Padmanabhan ...	Do.	Nil.
7	852	Sheik Masthan ...	27-11-1105	Nil.
8	1026	Nanu ...	1-3-1108	Nil.
9	1041	Janardanan Pillai ...	25-9-1106	S. S. L. C. and Promotion Test Examination
10	1129	Parameswaran Pillai ...	1-3-1108	Nil.
11	1149	Krishna Pillai ...	14-3-1103	S. S. L. C.
12	1159	Krishnan Pandaram ...	1-3-1108	Nil.
13	1317	Parameswaran Pillai ...	Do.	Promotion Test Examination.
14	1505	Krishna Pillai ...	Do.	Nil,
15	1593	Mathew ...	Do.	Intermediate Part I. Promotion Test Examination.
16	1671	Parameswaran Pillai ...	Do.	Nil.
17	1100	Sambasiva Aiyar ...	23-8-1108	Nil

Appendix III.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 257.**

Statement showing the names of persons recruited as Head Constables.

1	Cecil Joseph	...	Protestant Christian	B. A.
2	L. A. Mahadevan	...	Brahmin	Intermediate
3	V. Narayana Pillai	...	Nair	B.A.
4	P. I. Koshy	...	Marthoma Christian	B.A.
5	N. Venkitaratnam	...	Brahmin	S. S. L. C.
6	S. Muthuswamy	...	Vellala	B.A.
7	A. Divakaran	...	Ezhava	B.A.
8	B. Chellappan Pillai	...	Krishnavaka	B.A.
9	N. G. Chandrasekhara Pillai	...	Nair	B.A.

Appendix IV.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 258.**

Caste-war statement of Head Constables in the Police Department.

Brahmins	...	11
Nairs	...	148
Vellala	...	6
Ezhavas	...	5
Other Hindus	...	7
Other Hindus Depressed Class	...	2
Muhamedans	...	5
Christians	...	18
Anglo-Indians	...	2
Total	...	204 of which 2 are temporary.

Appendix V.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 259.**

Statement showing the names, qualifications, etc. of Ezhava First Grade Constables in the Police Department.

	Name	*Qualification*	*The number of years they have remained as 1st Class Constables.*		
			Years	Months	Days
1	Narayanan ...	Nil	7	8	24
2	Krishnan ...	Nil	7	0	24
3	Velu ...	Nil	13	0	0
4	Parameswaran.	Nil	5	6	0
5	Kunjen ...	Nil	0	4	0

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Appendix VI.

Vide Answer to Question No. 261

Statement of Agricultural loans.

Name of Taluk.	The total number of agricultural loans for which applications were received.						The actual amount of loan sanctioned.								
	No.	1107 Amount.	No.	1108 Amount.	No.	1109 Amount	1107			1108			1109		
		Br. Rs.		Br. Rs.		Br. Rs.	Br. Rs.	As.	P.	Br. Rs.	As.	P	Br. Rs.	As.	P.
Karunagapally .	191	83,573	83	34,215	57	37,670	18,925	0	0	15,340	0	0	4,975	0	0
Kartikapalli .	292	1,13,785	96	34,195	48	29,975	12,657	9	6	26,425	5	9	9,005	0	0
Mavelikara .	228	61,683	62	16,390	71	22,275	11,625	0	0	4,450	0	0	6,025	0	0

Name of Taluk.	The number of cases in which instalments fell in arrears.			The total amount of arrears.								
	1107	1108	1109	1107			1108			1109		
				Rs.	Ch.	C.	Rs.	Ch	C.	Rs.	Ch.	C.
Karunagapally .	51	83	117	18,412	10	8	29,855	11	1	31,245	6	13
Kartikapalli .	27	55	59	3,048	8	4	5,439	8	8	6,616	13	3
Mavelikara .	31	9	4	2,553	20	2	670	21	8	141	20	0

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Appendix VII.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 263**

List of public roads etc., under the control of the Maramat Department maintained out of the General Revenues but not open to non-caste Hindus and non-Hindus.

No.	Taluk.	Name of Roads.	Maintenance grant.			Remarks.
		TRIVANDRUM CIRCLE.	Rs.	ch	c.	
		Suchindram Section.				
1		Car streets, Suchindram ...	80	...		
2	Agastiswaram	Car streets at Parakkai ...	200	...		
3	,,	Prakarom road, Cape temple ...	24	...		
4	,,	Approach road to the Guhanadeswarar temple at Cape ...	1	...		
5	,,	Grounds and paths in the rear of Cape temple ...	50	...		
6	,,	Car street, Cape ...	57	...		
7	,,	Do. Ezhagarom ...	60	...		
		Total ..	472	...		
		Nagercoil Section.				
8	Tovala	Road from Asasayarkal bridge to the southern entrance of Bhoothapandy temple ...	1	14		
9	,,	From the western car street at Bhoothapandy to the northern entrance of the above Devaswom via. Theppakulam ...	6	...	...	